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10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.

Talk Together:

1. What did Paul do in a synagogue of Jews in Thessalonica? Where did he based his reasoning? (v. 1-2) How did people respond (v. 4-9)?
2. Why are the Bereans considered "more noble" than the Thessalonians. How did they respond to Paul's teaching (v.10-12)?
3. The Bereans "received the message with great eagerness." Could the same be said about you? Why or why not?
4. Can you defend and reason with others about your faith in Jesus? Why or why not?

Conviction:

I will make the study, application, and teaching of Scripture a priority in my life.

Application:

How can you be like Paul in sharing your faith in Jesus? How can you be like the Bereans when it comes to studying scripture?

Pray Together:

Dear Lord, thank you for the truth and wisdom You give us through Your word. Help us to obey and delight in them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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